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Coronavirus Update 11-17-20



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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

Dr. Petillo had an [op-ed](#) in yesterday's Hearst papers where he talked a bit about SHU's experience fighting the coronavirus and about the power of putting gratitude ahead of fear. We thought you might enjoy reading it.

Quarantine Lifted on Bergoglio and Seton

We are lifting the quarantine on Bergoglio and Seton Halls effective tomorrow morning. This is a few days early because many students have made the decision to go home, and the level of positivity in those two halls has gone down. Thanks for your patience. Please continue to use safe COVID practices.

Active Cases

Since we reported to you on Friday, we have 72 new positive cases of COVID-19—31 on campus, 39 off campus and two among staff. Our contact tracing protocol continues to be in place. In the same time period, we had 85 students recover and leave isolation. Today's [dashboard](#) shows us with 207 active cases down 13 from Friday and a seven-day moving average of 16.9 down from 23.1 on Friday.

This Week's Testing Schedule

We have heard from you that the testing appointments for this week are filled, so we have extended this week's testing times with two additional hours from 1:30 to 3:30 tomorrow and Thursday. Please see the extended hours below and make an appointment using the appropriate link. We ask that you refrain from eating, drinking or smoking for 30 minutes before your appointment.

- Wednesday, November 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 - students and employees [by appointment](#)
- Thursday, November 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 - students [by appointment](#)

Governor Asks That All Students Be Tested Before Leaving Campus for Home

In his daily press conference yesterday (on Zoom because he is quarantining after being a close contact of someone who tested positive), Connecticut Governor Lamont indicated that students need to quarantine for 14 days. That quarantine can start on campus and continue at home. He also said students should get tested before leaving campus and before coming back. This aligns with the guidance from the State Department of Health that we shared last week. The State also suggests that you get tested again seven days into your quarantine and that you complete the quarantine even if your tests are negative. Following these guidelines will help ensure that you don't bring the virus home to your family members.

Stay safe,

The Coronavirus Planning Team

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